AN

Account of what will Do;

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PROPOSAL

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An Amicable Subscription

For Improving TRADE in the *South-West* Part of *AMERICA*, and Increasing BULLION to about **Three Millions Per Annum**, both for the *East-India* Trade, and the Revenue of the Crown, which by Consequence will be Produced, if this be Encouraged.

Dulcis Odor Lucri ex Re, qualibet.

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An Account of what will do; or, *An Equivalent for* Toulon, &c.

IT is humbly Preſumed no Reaſons ſhould be wanting for this Expedition, when it is remembred,

1. That *America* is the Fountain of all that Treaſure that Supports the War againſt Us.

2. That our *Spaniſh* Trade, and the Opportunity of Improving it now, is of more Uſe to Us than all Trade beſide, and may be more effectually Carry'd on in *America*, than in *Old Spain*, and ſave 50 *per Cent.* at leaſt to this Nation, in Altering the Round-about Meaſures, that have formerly Hindred Us.

3. That the Settling King *Charles* III. in the *Indies*, is of more Conſequence, than the having him Crown'd at *Madrid*: And therefore it is Preſum'd,

That, according to the preſent Poſture of Affairs in *Europe*, and the Way of Living in General, no Kingdom or State can ſupport it ſelf long without Trade.

The Medium of this is Gold and Silver, and without it, no Trade can be Carry'd on. This puts me in Mind of a Diſpute that remains among Mankind, of what is Enough, the Ballance of Power, and what will do?

Nothing is more Evident under the *Sun*, than the Diſſatisfy'd Temper of Mankind, and how hard it is to prove what is Enough. ☞ Enough of Wealth in a Medium, ſhould be Enough to qualify our Diſorder'd Temper, and that would be Enough in the Cloſet, Enough in the Council-Chamber, and is of it ſelf Enough in the Common-Hall or Exchange of the World in Trade.

When the Completion of this is procur'd, the Ballance of Power is the Proof of the Argument; ſo that what *will do*, is the End of all our Labour, that which Procures us *Peace* and *Plenty*, is without going in queſt of *Unneceſſary Things*, The End of all our *Factions*, And *This Will Do*.

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In order to prove the One thing Neceſſary then, *It is humbly Propoſed*, The *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies* in *America*, is the only Fountain of *Gold* and *Silver*; and ſhould the *French*, whoſe Ambition is well known to all Men, keep the Poſſeſſion of the *Spaniſh Weſt-India* Trade, which they have of late Surprized, it cannot be but they muſt be Maſters of all the Current *Gold* and *Silver*, and they will thereby Ingroſs to Themſelves the Trade of the Whole Univerſe; and it is very likely that all Ballance of Power, will unavoidably in the End, be the Conſequence of their being Poſſeſs'd of all the *Material Treaſure* in the World.

Trade is the Procurer of Money. It is well known, that the Immenſe Treaſure and Riches, that this Nation did Abound with, hath been Gain'd by the *Spaniſh* Trade, and the *Bullion* carry'd Abroad from Us, came always from thence.

For the Manufactures of this Nation have been always ſent to *Spain*, and from thence Tranſported by the Galleons into the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies*; and then carry'd from *Portobel* and *Cartagena*, over the *Iſthmus* of *Darien*, to *Panama*, and ſo Diſpers'd thro' the Kingdom of *Peru*, *viz.* to *Lima Truxillo*, City of *Quito*, *Baldivia Saintjago*, *Potoſi*, &c. where the Gold and Silver Mines are.

Potoſi and Quito being the Chief. As for the Continent of *Mexico*, you have *Rialeja*, *Leon*, St. *Michael*, *Colima*, &c. which are proper Places to Eſtabliſh a very Advantageous Trade for this Nation.

Theſe at preſent the *French* King, under Pretence of his Grandſon *Philip* the *Fifth*'s Title, hath Ingroſſed to Himſelf from the *Spaniards*, Eſpecially in the *South* Seas, that Immenſe Treaſure, which (as has been ſaid) ſupport Him in his War againſt Her Majeſty and the Confederates.

Now to put a ſtop to the growing Trade and Power of *France* in the *South-Weſt Indies*,

It is propoſed that Nothing can produce ſo great an Advantage to the Trade of this Kingdom, as an Improvement of it, by a Body of Merchants, that ſhall Entitle Them-

ſelves by Subſcriptions to Carry on a Trade with th *Spaniards* in thoſe Seas, or the Coaſt adjoyning to tha Sea, commonly called, *The Pacifick*, which ſweeps fro the *Peruvian* Shore, down to Cape *Mendecino*. Ships an Men there are Ready to put this into Execution with th greateſt Diſpatch imaginable:

And *1ſt*. A ſmall Number of Ships may be Sufficient any time before *Chriſtmas*, provided they be fitted out with Cargo and Force, as has been mentioned in the private *Propoſal*; and if theſe *Ships* are follow'd with a ſmall *Squadron* of *Men* of *War* the ſame way, The Nation will Profit in leſs than Nineteen Months *One Million*, as can be made appear, and a Footing may be had by that time, which will Procure the other Part of the *Summ* propoſed.

Theſe Ships ſhall coſt you, after my Manner, one with another 22730 *l.* in the proper Eſtimate, Rigging, Cordage, Proviſions, Men's Wages, Cargo, Force, (Arms and Burthen) being Included.

The firſt Objection that can be laid in our way, or ever was, is,

1. Who ſhall Sign *Subſcriptions* on ſo Tickliſh a Point, as the Capricious Nature of a Treacherous *Spaniard*?

2. Where is King *Charles* his Leave?

3. And how will you make Returns of the Profit, while Trading and the Caption a-part?

To the *Firſt* I anſwer, ſince by the Open Commiſſion of Trade, you are qualify'd to go into *Old Spain* and the *Canaries*, the thing is the ſame in *America*.

And as to the Honour of a Paſſionate *Spaniard*, tho' he give you occaſion by his Caprice to Diſtruſt him as an Enemy; yet he will Trade by Stealth with you, as well there, as he frequently does in all the *Weſt-Indies*.

And *Secondly*, by the ſame Contract you Aſſiſt and Declare King *Charles* the Third; you have none ſo ſure a Card to gain him a Party there as by Trade, and in that Commiſſion you have his Leave.

Thirdly, The returns of the Ships is the ſureſt Return of the Money; and them I can get Diſcharg'd in any

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en Days after I come to the Propoſed Place. And that Voyage which appears ſo Dreadful by its Length, ſhall be ſhortned, and ſo you have a Ready Account of the Product and Caption.

Another ſort of an Objection there is, that you muſt go with Leave of Government, or not at all.

Without it we will not ſtir; and when we have their Countenance, they are able to judge of what Extenſion that may be; but before we proceed to the Cloſe of the Queſtion, I will beg Leave to Repeat the Manner of Propoſals we made you laſt Year, in relation to what might be done on that Part of the *Iſthmus*; which is Her Majeſty's Propriety between *Darien* and *Panama*, on the *Terra Firma* from thence to the Bay of *Vallona*; which were I think as followeth:

1. The Natives remain yet unconquer'd.

2. That the *Spaniards* heretofore Deſign'd by a General Maſſacre, to have Extirpated theſe, as they did the other *Americans*, but were prevented by the Coming of the *Engliſh*.

3. That *Sachem Diego*, one of their own Princes, by the Free Conſent of his People, Submitted this Country to the *Engliſh* Government, and that *Meſſuners*, *Long*, and *Drenwith* took and kept Poſſeſſion of it.

4. That the *King* and *Natives* had Power to make this Donation, becauſe they were never Conquered, has been Confeſs'd by Capt. *Domingo*, and prov'd by Capt. *Sharp* in the Reign of K. *Charles* II. when he was Try'd for a Pyrate, at the Proſecution of the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſadour, and was clear'd upon producing a Commiſſion from the *Sachem* or *King* of that Country; as alſo by Coll. *Hewſton*, ſince Commiſſioned by King *James* II. So that the *Queen* has a double Title to this Land.

One, as the *Engliſh* are the firſt *Europeans* who ſet Footing there. The other by the Donation of the True Proprietors.

☞ At the Upper End of the Gulph of *Darien*, is a Gold Mine (tho' it is generally believ'd there is none in the World) about 12 Miles from *Santa Maria*, on the

Bay of *Vallona*, which is a good Port of the *South Sea* and not half the Diſtance from *Japan* and *China* in the *Eaſt-Indies*, as it is from hence.

If a Collony (I muſt inſiſt on't) were Settled, and a Free Port Eſtabliſhed in this Place, it would have theſe, and perhaps more Advantages:

1. It would Encreaſe the Revenue of the Crown.
2. And the Coin of the Kingdom.
3. And ſupply the *Eaſt-India* Merchant with Bullion.
4. And advance the *Weſt-India* Trade.
5. And make the Way to the *Eaſt-Indies* ſhorter by two Thirds than now it is.

All this I made appear in Manner following, and ſhew'd you a ſeeming Objection againſt ſending out Collónies in General, and to this Place in Particular:

Firſt, Againſt Collonies in General.

The only Objection is, that it Depopulates Countries, and has actually done ſo by *Spain*.

But to this, it is Anſwer'd; *Firſt*, That this was not ſo much the Cauſe of Depopulating *Spain*, as their Baniſhing the *Moors*, and *Jews*, and ſetting up the Inquiſition (all at the ſame time) and their Murdering the Natives of *America*, made many more People Neceſſary there, than otherwiſe would have been.

Theſe Things Diſpeopled Spain.

2dly, Their Women are not ſo Fertile as ours; and therefore ſhould we ſpare Proportionably, as many People as they have done, we ſhonld not want 'em ſo much.

3dly, Tho' *Spain* be a Large Country, yet the *Spaniſh* Acquiſitions in *America*, are much Larger, which made it Neceſſary for them to ſend greater Numbers. On the contrary, *England* is much Larger than the Land here Propoſed to Settle on, ſo the Fewer will ſerve.

4thly, Neither is it deſign'd to Exclude ſuch Foreigners on whom we may depend.

The *Natives* are now become our Fellow-Subjects, and need not be deſtroy'd; and as many of them will be better Servants than the *Negroes*, ſo others of them will be better *Neighbours*. There

There can be no danger of Depopulating our own Country by ſending out this Collony: But on the contrary, it will be a Mighty Help to all thoſe Families and Trades, who are now Burthen'd with People.

The Young Merchants who want Stock, and are Excluded other Companies, may find it here.

And the Younger Brothers, who have neither *Place*, nor *Portion*, nor *Profeſſion*, nor *Trade*, may here advance *themſelves*.

And thus many Ill Practices, to which all theſe are Liable to be Tempted, may be prevented.

Secondly, as to Darien *in Particular*; It is hop'd no wiſe Man will Eſteem the Place Unfortunate, becauſe of former Miſcarriages, ſome ſingle Ships have loſt their Labour, and at this time of Day you cannot expect much, becauſe the *French* are Superiour to you in Force; *So that Force muſt Repel Force.*

We Addreſs you now as *Britains*, not as the Neighbouring *Scots*, that We Our ſelves cauſed to Miſcarry; Therefore no Conſidering Man will think it Unpracticable, becauſe it was once Try'd without Succeſs.

This Place is many Miles diſtant from hence, and not Subject to thoſe Diſadvantageous Circumſtances the *Place* attempted, labours under.

Capt. *Campbell* has Inform'd me, That with a ſmall Aſſiſtance of the *Natves*, they got *Six Thouſand Pounds* Weight of *Gold-Duſt*, not far from this *Place* in one Year——These Mines of *America* are the Fountain of that Treaſure, by which the *French* King is Enabled to Carry on his Arbitrary Deſigns. The ſtopping theſe from Him, would Effectually Reduce him to Reaſon.

But we need not go ſo Far as this, they ſay? The *Place* propoſed for this Settlement, has all the Advantages that can be Wiſh'd for. *Gold*, *Silver*, *Pearl*, *Nicaragua Wood*, *Coral*, and many other Rarities; All which come from theſe *Parts*; And was a *Free Port* Settled here, it would Inevitably Draw all the Trade of *Europe* to it Self, which the other *Parts* of the World hold now in *America*.

The *Produce* of which *Place*, *The Gold*, &c. mention'd before, would be Exchanged Us at firſt Hand for our

own Merchandizes; And thus we may Secure, by a Single Company of Men, that *Spaniſh* Trade, for which We are now Conquering all *Spain*.

And to Regain which, we muſt Conquer the *Politicks* of *France*, after we have Subdued their Force, United with that of *Spain*.

If we now take *Santa Maria*, a ſmall Town near the *Place* propoſed for this Settlement (which we may Eaſily do) and are allowed to keep it at the End of the War; We may then Settle a *Port* in the *South Seas*, upon the Bay of *Vallona*, which is about 30 or 40 Miles diſtant from the upper End of the Gulph of *Darien*; And this *Port*, as I have Noted, lying ſo much Nearer to *Japan* and *China* in the *Eaſt-Indies*, and *Darien* but ſix Weeks Sail from *England*—You may as Infallibly (as appear by the Return of the *Weſt-India Packets* now) have Returns from thence by Commerce from *Port* to *Port* in Six Weeks time, more or leſs, to *England*, allowing for Wind and Weather. It may be Nobly worth while, for our *Eaſt-India* Merchants to carry their Goods over Land, thro' this our own Settlement, and thereby make their Voyages many Months ſooner than now they do.

Santa Maria belongs to *Spain*. True; But can it be ſuppoſed that King *Charles* the Third can Refuſe us, (who ſettle him in *Spain*) the Gift of a Town, which at preſent is of no Conſequence to himſelf, nor ever can be, unleſs he put ſomething like this very *Propoſal* in practice: Which yet he cannot do, without Invading the *Place* Intended for this Settlement, is which our Queen's *Propriety*.

☞ And, can any One think we ſhall have no Cautionary Towns from *Spain* at the End of the War? And what Town ſo fit for it as *Santa Maria*?

But if it be Reſolv'd not to Attempt this Town; yet there is Places in the *South-Sea*, as the Iſland of *Puna*, *Guiaquill*, and other Parts actually in Poſſeſſion of the *Natives*, where the ſame thing may be Effected. And the vaſt Returns from ſuch a Settlement, will anſwer Treble the Expences and Hazard of the Attempt, the Natural

tural Courſe of Trade will bring Us the Gold and Silver of *America*, at much Eaſier Rates than now we have them.

Capt. *Davis* in his Expedition found, that at *Santa Cruz*, near this *Place*, one Pound of *Sugar* of 4 *d.* Value, brought 15 *s.* in Return for it, which is after the Rate of 2500 *l. per Cent.* and more; and ſo all other Things in proportion. Now, tho' this cannot be expected at preſent; yet hence we may Gueſs what a Market our Goods will come to at this Settlement. Thus we may Drain the Gold and Silver Mines (as *France* does now) without Umbrage to *Spain*, by honeſt Merchandizing.

And if we ſucceed in the Trade over Land, as we may, it being in our Power, *to the Eaſt-Indies*, as propoſed, what *Prodigious Improvements* will be here made!

By this time, I hope 'tis Demonſtration, That by this Settlement, 1. *The Queen's Revenue*; and 2*dly*, *The Coin will be Encreaſed.* And ſince the Exporting ſo much Bullion, as we now do to the *Eaſt-Indies*, is thought a Grievance; that would be ſo no more. 3*dly*, The Abundance of Gold and Silver, would make that Eaſy to Us. 4*thly*, And the Settlement here propoſed, would make a great Improvement in the *Weſt-India* Trade, which may at this Time be in want of it.

Our *Plantations* in *America*, are either ſuch as produce *Sugars* or *Proviſion*. The *Plantations* are now at a low Ebb, and if not Aſſiſted, muſt decay; and the other too muſt in time follow. But the Emporium here Propoſed, would help them Both. So that beſides the Advantages of making our Bullion Plentiful, without which the *Eaſt India* Trade muſt ſink; We have here a Method of Advancing it *Two Thirds*, and that would be Immediately by Carriage over Land.

Note, There are many Gentlemen of Fortune here and in *America*, who upon a right Share, according to Cuſtom, will at their own Expence, Man *Ships* and *Sloops* to Sea for an Expedition in the *North Sea*, to Recover her Majeſty's Claim on the *Iſthmus* of *Darien*, Raiſing the Land-Men moſtly in *America*, without the Common

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Levy-Money. And beſides the Advantages preſently accruing to the Crown, as ſoon as we are Settled, Here is a Proſpect of a Revenue beyond Imagination; whether the Canal be Cut or not.

In the cloſe of this I told you, I thought every man was deſirous to know how this might be Effected, and would gladly Contribute his Part to it. Therefore I proceeded to the propoſed Manner of Doing it, which is as follows:

1. That Her Majeſty be Petitioned for a Grant of the Place, as it ſhall be deſcribed or proved to be Her own *Propriety* at preſent, and 7 *Ships*; and

2. That the Grantees be Incorporated with *Power* to Admit ſuch as ſhall go in perſon with me, *South* or *North*, for the ſame thing is to be done either way.

3. That the Corporation have *Power* to fit out the ſaid *Seven Ships*, with the Number of 1000 Land Men and 2000 Sea-Men; which was all propoſed Here, becauſe there are Free-booters in *America*, a *Seaſoned People*, fit for this Buſineſs.

4. That the *Ships* ſhould have *Power* to *Sack* and *Plunder* any Settlement of the Enemies in *America*.

5. That the Booty be divided as the Company ſhould here Agree

6. And all other Laws neceſſary for the Settlement be now made.

7. That after ſuch a Quantity of Booty taken from the Enemy, the *Ships* proceed immediately to the *Settlement*.

8. That the firſt thing in the *Settlement* be the Building of the *Town*, (or Repairing a *Town* when Sack'd, Recruiting the Fortifications) for the Emporium; and that *Town* to be a *Free Port* during the War.

9. That all thoſe, who now Enter upon the Expedition, be Diſtinguiſhed in the *Settlement*, according to their Behaviour in their Way thither, and their Valour and Conduct in Sacking the Enemy's *Towns*, or Taking their *Ships*.

10. And *laſtly*, That *Subſcriptions* ſhould then have been taken, to begin *This Glorious Work*; and all *Subſcribers*

ſcribers to have an Intereſt in Proportion to their *Subſcription.*

All this I humbly ſubmitted to the Judgment of Coll. *Burgeſs*, and others, Perſons of Note and Subſtance in *America*, and Here: To prove from the Courſe of *Trade*, whether it was not the *Unum Neceſſarium* for Her Majeſty's Intereſt; and I deſir'd Reference to thoſe who have the Honour to be Judges of *Trade* at Home and Abroad.

Second to this, I ſhould expreſs ſomething more of what my Little Experience has taught me might be Effected in the *South-Sea*; but Capt. *Dampier*, whoſe province it is to move in, hath ſo Exactly done it in a private Memoir, that I ſhall ſay no more, before I deſcend to ſubſequent *Reaſons*, than, as Mr. *Molly*, in his *De jure Maritimo*, p. 10. ſays, for Me and all Mankind, *who ſtudy their Country's Intereſt, and who with no leſs glory and timely Application to Traffick, did conſtantly follow the Examples of thoſe of* Genoa, Portugal, Spaniards, Caſtilians, *and* Venetians, *whoſe Fame in Matters of Commerce ought to be Inrolled in Letters of Gold.* So let us digreſs a little from the Matter in hand, and Conſider all the Advantages that I have Skrew'd into the *Publick*, to Imprint it on the Minds of all Men, how neceſſary this *Jugulum Cauſæ* was to be laid hold of; How Dr. *Gage* in his Survey of the *Weſt-Indies*, ſeems to leave the World aſſur'd, that this Glorious Undertaking ſhall be perfected; *With what Reſolution Sir William Sheine Addreſs'd* Oliver Cromwell; *and how Nobly our Intereſt in an Uſurped Reign was Promoted, even to the glory of Memory.* With what Aſſiduity and timely Application has Mr. *John Graves* explain'd the Calamities we have and muſt labour under in the *Exuma* Sound; and what the Conſequence would be of, that one Iſland of *Providence* its falling into the Enemy's Hands; which Noble *Reaſons* now will quickly demonſtrate themſelves; for upon ſecuring your own *Propriety* on the Neck of the *Iſthmus*, as has been ſo often ſaid, *Providence* will prove the Chief Mart and Beſt Factory for the *Engliſh* in the *Weſt-Indies.*

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Advance we then to the Third and Laſt Reaſons, Why under Union *we ought more properly to Re-aſſume the* Darien *Trade, and Settle a* South-Weſt India *Company now, before the Cloſe of the* War.

We have very fully proved in ſeveral Methods, how neceſſary it would be to take the Enemy by the Throat, Stab him deep to the Heart, by ſtriking into his Treaſure, and graſping a Valuable Caution into our Power; and as *Britains*, ſince we are United, we ought with Heart and Hand to do; and can effect that in War which after a Peace (tho' it be never ſo Honourably) Concluded, we may repent for want of. It's obſervable, that none is ſo Vigorous in Oppoſing theſe Truly Noble Undertakings, as the profeſt Enemies of Her Majeſties Peace and Union: For who ſhall go upon Projects, *ſay they*, when all men know it is better to wait for the Riches of the *Weſt-Indies* coming to us? And if we will but Conſider the Vaſt Charge we are already at, it is not a time of Day, for theſe Things. Firſt, *I muſt tell you, that* England, *if it were proper to Recount her Miſcarriages, is the laſt Nation in the World that* Mercurially *Graſps at her own Advantages*. But to clear this up, and come to the plain Method of Reaſoning; we muſt without remaining Seeds of Prejudice (as I hope there are none) arraign the Noble Judgment of thoſe we are ſo happily United with, for Undertaking ſuch an Expedition at all, if the thing and the Practice were what the Enemies of our Country Preſume to call a Project. *Why, then, Brethren, is it not a time of Day?* To anſwer theſe Genntlemen fully in the Action (if their known Malice can be anſwered) and Re-aſſume the Propoſed Benefits, tho' we do not proceed after the Methods directly, as they were firſt laid down: For Example.

Firſt, We told you of a part on the Continent of *America, &c.* and *2dly*. That ſuch a thing as the *Iſthmus* being Cut, might produce a Commerce of mighty Advantage. *3dly*. That We might ſet down a Staple Manufacture, and *That* it was Practicable to Improve Over-Land. *4ly*. That if you thought fit by *Recoes* and *Muleteers*,

Muleteers, we could not only hold a Commerce with, and ſhorten your Trade to the *Eaſt-Indies*, but Draft the Treaſure of the *South-Sea*. *Firſt*, Then as to the Trade on that Part of the Continent, if it be not thought Practicable for the *Engliſh*, there is no more to be ſaid than this; the United Crowns of *France* and *Spain* have Drafted above 13 Millions of Money ſince this War from thence; and We have no more to Invite us to make a Juſt Repriſal on the Enemy, than an Unconquered People to Receive us, Guide and aſſiſt us, in a fit Receptacle for ſuch an Improvement; and that at ſuch a time When *Jamaica* is Worth more to us, if We uſe the Advantage that now offers, than all the Leeward Iſlands put together. *2dly*. I ſhall not inſiſt upon Cutting the propoſed Cannal, but Refer to the Judgment of future time, and the Neceſſity of a Faſtneſs for Her Majeſty's Subjects, and a Tribute that muſt be paid by all *Europe* to Her Forts and Forces, which ought to remain on the Continent. *3dly*, That we may ſet down and Settle there, as well as in other Parts of *America*, no wiſe Man will deny; tho' we might be nearer to *Panama*, and farther from the River of *Darien*; that I muſt inſiſt on a Neceſſity for a Port in the *South-Sea*, and that in the Bay of *Vallona*, will certainly be allow'd me to be proper, and the Thing without Argument proves it ſelf, for Two Reaſons:

1. The *French* by an Open Commerce there, return more Treaſure to the Exchequer of *France*, than all their Trade beſides.

2. Next to this, *is, and always was* to be Conſider'd, the Fertility of the Main, and the Barrenneſs of the Iſlands; ſo then would I Secure a Staple there, and Ware-houſes, and Harbours, conſtantly Amuzing the *Spaniards*, by Intercepting both Intelligence and Trade.

But *3dly*, If you pleaſe to Conſider *Pax queriter Bello*, your own Peace in a War; the Fruit of (that War) the Actions of Security that may, and ought to be Improv'd by Induſtrious Methods, as Land-Carriage, or the like. Eſpecially in a Country where the Roads are Beaten to

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your hands; the *Symmerons Indians*, the Nation that Assisted Capt. *Drake* in Q. *Elizabeth*'s time; and Mr. *Patterson* in the late Reign; *That is, if their Effects had followed, the thing had been done.* These same People are Living.

The Advantages of *Trading* to 350 *per Cent.* all (Charges Clear'd) is very Great; But a Settlement on any part of the Continent, is as equally an Improvement to the *English*, and an Intire Advantage over the *Spaniard*, as in our Hearts we can desire, or another 88 Loss produce.

There we cou'd Eat them out by Industry; as they are Naturally Lazy. *There, and only There dares the Poor* Indian *Trade freely with you*; and there can you, by Fixing a small Collony, be of Power enough to Intercept their Land Communication, and so Draft the Lake of *Nicaragua* on one side, and Improve a People by Clemency and Mercy, that would Embrace the Interest of King *Charles* III. on the other.

With any 3 Frigats to Back the *Trader*'s Ships, you may be such a Curb upon them, that from *Acapulta*, to *Panama*, you can, at Leisure, secure what Harbours and Advantages you will. The *Quicaros*, the *Islos de Los*, *Perlos*, are of no Force; and nothing remains but a want of solid Resolution, to add as Great a Revenue to the Crown of *Britain*, as Half her Diadem is worth.

Besides, tho the Glories of this Reign are unparalell'd, and we can't descend from the Brightness of the Prosperity, to a Level with Q. *Elizabeth*; yet the Advantages of Elder time are so much on our side, that an Action there with very little Success, would Animate a Party, who would not only Embrace and Espouse K. *Charles* his Cause, but be Affectionately in the *English* Interest ever after.

These things carry no greater Weight with me, than, that there seems to be a Necessity for the thing; and I may say that there is so far a Semblance in the Growing Profits that would arise by such an Expedition, that we seem to want it; and 'tis undeniable so Immense and Valuable Treasure Q. *Elizabeth* had by it, that she Enrich'd her Subjects at Home, planted Collonies Abroad,

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and ſupported the States of *Holland*, when at the loweſt Ebb.

Nor have I any Opinion of this becauſe I firſt thought of purſuing a Track laid by ſo many Brave Spirits before. Dr. Gage 1*ſt*. and Dr. *Cox* 2*d*. had a *Patent* for a Settlement in K. *Charles* II's time (as has been repeated) even in the Bay of *Mexico*; and ſince it is Evident Her Majeſty's Demaines lie Bare and Unimprov'd for want of a due Encouragement, there is nothing remains, but to Clear two *Points* to the Over-buſy World-

The One is: We have Uſe for our Shipping at Home.

The other is: We cannot ſpare the Men.

To the Firſt, *I Anſwer*: We need no more Shipping than now goes, only we want a ſort of Liberty by Her Majeſty's *Letters Patents*, to permit as many Sloopers and Iſlanders, to go and ſettle there as pleaſe, without the Common and Uſeleſs *Preamble* of *Free Plunder*; for barring Reflections, none can pillage or defraud Her Majeſty, ſo much as the Ships of War in ſome Nations have done: On the contrary, give theſe *People* a publick Liberty; Let Her Majeſty appoint whom ſhe pleaſes; the Man that, of his own accord, fits out a *Sloop*, and Man's them with *Creolles* Seamen or Soldiers, and goes willingly on his own Expence, for the hope of *Purchaſe*, and expects Pay, ſhall anſwer for his *People*, and give a faithful Account of any Repriſal made upon the Common Enemy.

He has two Motives to induce him to be Juſt, the one is his own Reputation in the Iſlands, or on the Continent; and the other is, he neither Truſts, nor Accepts of any in his Service, but what he has *Security* for.

But ſay you; What engages this Merchant Trader, tho' he may honeſtly deſire to Act no more than you profeſs, to perform all this, and give a right Account of the Gain. *To this I Anſwer*;

The Gentleman aforeſaid, has, beſides what I mentioned, Subſtance of his own he will not loſe; and he has in proſpect (as always) by the Laws of *America*, Land at waſt for Improvement, *Indian* Friends, *Negroe* Slaves, very good Horſes, *&c*. All which commonly come into the Conquerours Power.

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Secondly, He gives (and they always do) as in Caſes of Letters of Mart, ſo great a Security for himſelf and People, that the Repriſal made will hardly Countervail, and as to ſparing the Men; *No man aſks you for the Men*, or will we ever take a man from the Sea or Land Service; thoſe who are ready to go, and are moſt of 'Em on the Spot, are no Deſparadoes, no People Reduced to the Extremities that Force Men into the Service; if there be ſome among them who have need of being Included in a General Amneſty, which indeed we could wiſh to ſee Granted, upon Condition they brought ſuch a ſet Gain to the Crown as their Subſtance allows; that I can't ſay Nothing to. But otherwiſe we may have a little Navy of Sloops at any time (and none ſo proper as the time preſent) to fix a Settlement on the Main in the *South* Part, as well as we have on the *North*. Notwithſtanding what has been ſaid, I will venture to Repeat this as a Solid Truth, *Nova Mexico*, and the Joynt Commerce the *Spaniards* hold upon the Main, muſt then be ſeparated, and there is a little Policy in being nearer ſettled to our Friends the *Portugueze Brazilians*, who muſt mightily ſtand in need, even now, of our Aid in thoſe parts. And whereas ſome would Inſinuate that this may Diſoblige thoſe *Spaniards* who are or would be in the Intereſt of King *Charles* the Third.

It is anſwer'd, That all ſuch as are in the Intereſt of the *King*, want only a favourable Opportunity of ſhewing their Zeal for his Service; and whether any Method can be thought of that may give 'em an opportunity ſo well as this, I humbly Submit.

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THis being, without Preſumption, the beſt Hand to take the *French* King by, We may ſay with the Fate of *Carthage*, from that Day he dates his Ruine. And now, Gentlemen, I muſt tell ye, 27 Years Experience thro' the known Parts of the World has Taught me, Nothing is ſo Great an Equivalent in the Ballance of Power, as applying Things to their firſt Cauſe; and as that Monarch's Haughty *Ambition* has Employed the World in giving Limits to his Boundleſs Temper; and *Engliſhmen* before Union, have often Reſolved to Pull down this Haughty Tyrant: Let me Beg you to Conſider, Whether theſe Methods are not Really **what will do**; and in the Center of all Extreams, when that is Found, **you have Enough.**